

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
No. 3:20-CV-630-GCM

LAURA APRIEL )  
YOUNGBLOOD, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
MARTIN O'MALLEY, )  
Commissioner of )  
Social Security, )  
 )  
Defendant. )  
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ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Defendant filed a response neither supporting nor opposing the fee request, but stating that under *Gisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789 (2002), it is the duty of the Court to determine a reasonable fee. After considering the factors identified by the Fourth Circuit in *Mudd v. Barnhart*, 418 F.3d 424, 428 (4th Cir. 2005), the Court finds the fees requested to be reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel be awarded net fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$27,159.48.

Signed: March 4, 2024



Graham C. Mullen  
United States District Judge

